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REMARKS

In response to the Office Action mailed on October 22, 2008, Applicant(s) respectfully request(s) reconsideration. Claim(s) 1-56 are now pending in this Application. Claim(s) 1, 8 and 40 were independent claims and the remaining claims were dependent claims.

Previously presented claims 6, 11-12, and 42 have been indicated to include allowable subject matter.

Concerning allowance of claims 11 and 12, the Examiner asked in the office action whether the Applicant was aware of any prior art with respect to use of filters. In response to the inquiry, the Applicant indicated in an e-mail that "Early systems that we manufactured included Teflon membrane water traps, and I suspect that other manufacturer's have also included water traps in their devices. However, to my knowledge, none them can be viewed without disassembly. It was our objective to present this as an improvement that would save time and/or cost by allowing the operator to check the filter status as they work." Thus, the Examiner can assume, as admitted prior art by Applicant, that mere use of water traps is known in the art. However, the Applicant has no specific knowledge that anyone has implemented a water trap with a window as in the claimed configuration. Thus, the Applicant has amended claim 8 to include limitations of claims 10, 11, and 12.

In this Amendment, claim 1 has been amended to include the limitations from claims 2-6 and to correct a typographical error; claim 8 has been amended to include the limitations from claim 1 and claims 10-12 and is now an independent claim; claim 40 has been amended to include the limitation from claim 42. Claim 7 has been amended to correct an obvious error and to depend from amended allowable claim 1. Claims 2-6, 10-12 and 42 have been canceled.

Dependent claims 7, 9, 13-25, 41, 43-50, and 57-59 depend from one of

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allowable claims 1, 8, and 40, and are therefore allowable by virtue of dependency.

Applicant(s) believe that the claim(s) as presented are in condition for allowance. A notice to this affect is respectfully requested.

Applicant(s) hereby petition(s) for any extension of time which is required to maintain the pendency of this case. If there is a fee occasioned by this response, including an extension fee, that is not covered by an online payment made herewith, please charge any deficiency to Deposit Account No. 50-3735.

If the enclosed papers or fees are considered incomplete, the Patent Office is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned collect at (508) 616-9660, in Westborough, Massachusetts.

Respectfully submitted,

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